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TARY ROBINSON

IN THE PAST DECADE THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE HAS ACHIEVED
REMARKABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH. YOU HAVE NOT ONLY CONTINUED
SUCCESSFULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RICH MINERAL
RESOURCES OF YOUR COUNTRY BUT HAVE OPENED NEW AVENUES OF
PROGRESS BY TAPPING OFF-SHORE PETROLEUM DEPOSITS AND
BUILDING AN IMPRESSIVE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE HARD
WORK AND DETERMINATION OF THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE
GUIDANCE OF ITS RENOWNED LEADER PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE
SEKO. YOU ARE AGAIN FACED WITH GREAT CHALLENGES. THE
CURRENT WORLD-WIDE RECESSION EVEN THOUGH EASING, HAS
INFLECTED HARDSHIPS ON ALL COUNTRIES BUT ESPECIALLY ONES
SUCH AS ZAIRE WHOSE ECONOMY LARGELY DEPENDS UPON THE
SALE OF ITS PRIMARY PRODUCTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS.

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THE UNITED STATES REALIZES THE PROBLEMS ZAIRE FACES AND WE

WANT TO ASSIST AS BEST WE CAN

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH ZAIRE
IN MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE INGA-SHABA POWER

TRANSMISSION LINE. PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE ARE A KEY
ELEMENT IN ZAIRE'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND THE
UNITED STATES IS PROUD THAT IT CAN ASSIST BY PROVIDING
NEEDED TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCING.

ZAIRE HAS EARNED A REPUTATION FOR BEING AN EFFECTIVE
LEADER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. YOUR VOICE IS HEARD
AND RESPECTED IN THE OAU, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND
AT THE UN. THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL DEVELOPED NATIONS,
WHATEVER THEIR POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC PERSUASION, TO BE
MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD,
ESPECIALLY THOSE NATIONS WHICH HAVE DONE SO MUCH ON THEIR
OWN SUCH AS ZAIRE.

IT IS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT I AM IN ZAIRE. BY EN-
GAGING IN A DIALOGUE WITH YOUR LEADERS I HOPE TO ACHIEVE
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR PROBLEMS AND THE WAYS IN
WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN BE OF REALISTIC ASSISTANCE.

ADDITIONALLY, I HOPE TO KNOW THIS BEAUTIFUL NATION
CLEARLY ONE OF AFRICA'S LEADING COUNTRIES, AND TO MEET
THE PEOPLE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MY STAY AND WISH TO
CONVEY THE DEEP RESPECT AND ADMIRATION THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES HAVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE AND HER
RESPECTED PRESIDENT, GENERAL MOBUTU SESE SEKO. INGERSOLL

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